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International Application No.:	PCT/EP2003/011927	
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Title of Invention:	METHOD FOR IMPROVING DEPTH DISCRIMINATION IN OPTICAL REPRODUCTION SYSTEMS	
Applicant(s) for (DO/EO/US):	Bernhard BACKS, Joerg SCHAEFFER, Lutz SCHAEFER and Martin VOELCKER	

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.
- ☐ 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ 5. A copy of **Publication No. WO 2004/038483 06MAY04** ~~the International Application as filed~~ [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
- a) ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- b) ☐ has been communicated by the international Bureau.
- c) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- ☒ 6. An English language translation of **Publication No. WO 2004/038483 06MAY04** ~~the International Application as filed~~ [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
- a) ☒ is attached hereto
- b) ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
- a) ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- b) ☐ have been communicated by the international Bureau.
- c) ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
- d) ☐ have not been made and will not be made
- ☐ 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
- ☒ 9. An **UNSIGNED** Oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)] **EXECUTED Decl/POA TO FOLLOW LATER**
- ☐ 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]

Items 11. to 20. Below concern other document(s) or information included:

- ☒ 11. **An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98**
- ☐ 12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1595) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☒ 13. **A preliminary amendment**
- ☐ 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76
- ☐ 15. **A substitute specification with abstract (attached to the preliminary amendment)**
- ☐ 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter
- ☐ 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 V+CFR1.821-1.825.
- ☐ 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
- ☐ 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
- ☒ 20. (other items or information) **PCT/RO/105 19DEC03 w/REQUEST, Search Reports: PCT/ISA/220 and 210 27FEB04 and German Examination Report, 03APR03, PTO-1449 with 7 cited references.**

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